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The Reflector wishes one and all a

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The estimated cost of the State capitol when completed is \$2,200,000.

Henry Watterson calls Kansas' gifted Senator, "Citizen Robespierre Ingalls."

The State Teachers' Association meets during the next three days in Representative Hall, Topeka. A large attendance is assured.

Ex-Governor Osborne is not being rallied around very heartily. The newspaper boys generally think he has had enough and ought to know it.

But eight weeks will remain for Congress to remain in session when it meets after the holiday recess. The chances are that it will accomplish little.

John Wanamaker, the merchant prince of Philadelphia, spends \$40,000 for advertising in the newspapers and not a dollar for advertising any other way.

This is the season of the year when the maker of patent calendars sends the editor one valued at ten cents and accompanies it with a five dollar notice for publication as a partial return for the favor.

The Senate committee on education has reported favorably the proposition to submit to the voters of the various States a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of liquors in the United States.

Since the last National encampment 14 Grand Army posts have been established in Kansas; four have voluntarily surrendered their charters; the charters of 16 have been revoked, and thirteen have been suspended.

America, the magnificent Chicago literary journal issues a double Christmas number to which only Chicagoans contribute. It is convincing evidence that literary culture is at high tide in the city of the Lakes.

Hungry Indians abound on the frontier about this season. If they could only be made to work for what they get they might come to either civilization or extermination—one of the two alternatives, they should be compelled to choose.

The holiday number of the New York Journalist is one of the most elaborate ever put upon the market. It is not only a sumptuous volume in itself but is accompanied by an engraving in colors of fifty of the prominent editors of the country.

Several Kansas papers are making the mistake of whooping up metropolitan papers outside of the State instead of their own. When such puffing goes beyond legitimate exchange advertising the publisher of the local paper is robbing himself and narrowing his own field.

This most unkindest cut of all is from the Wichita Journal: "The Hutchinson street car service has been increased, which means that kinks have been taken out of that mouse-colored mule's tail, and an electric belt attached to his belly-band to keep up the circulation of his blood."

The excessive size of the average newspaper correspondent's imagination has been well illustrated during the past few days by the carefully elaborated plot for the assassination of Mr. Harrison which has been telegraphed far and wide. It turns out to be a "fake" of the largest variety.

But a few days more and the newspaper readers of the land will be treated to long editorials on "The Lessons of the Year" and similar topics. The editor who refrains from summing up the doings of the universe in a column and a half article next week should have a leather medal.

There will be an effort made at the coming session of the Legislature to change the law requiring estray notices to be published in the Kansas Farmer (which not one farmer in twenty ever sees) to the official papers of the various counties. This is a wise movement and we hope it will be successful.

A company has been organized in Atchison for the manufacture of vitrified brick, terra cotta and sewer pipe in this city. The excellence of clay found in the vicinity of Atchison makes good paving brick. [Kansas Farmer.]

Abilene and Dickinson county have some pretty good clay. Why not try something of the kind here?

Kansas City Star: Thus far the operations of the Whitecaps in Kansas have been limited to the ducking of a man who was never known to take a bath and the whipping of another who was guilty of beating his wife. There is nothing in either of these acts to call for the extermination of the W. C. S.

K. C. Times: The cheering intelligence comes from Washington that at a public lecture Mrs. Cleveland "not only left off her bustle, but brushed back her bangs." So far so good. But has she left off her theater hat? Ay, there's the rub! What does the man at the play care for the bustle, which is worn where it will do the least harm?

People with a little ready money who come to Kansas now and take hold of property at these hard time prices will be certain to make a good thing in their investment. Next year when we have another good crop, lands are sure to spring up to good prices. There was never a better time than now to invest in Kansas lands. [Wichita Republic.]

The story is going the rounds that when Chaplain McCabe was in Kansas on a tour endeavoring to raise \$1,000,000 for missions, a little boy heard his appeal, and thinking of the large sum he had to raise, determined to help him. The first chance he had early in the week he gathered a basket of chestnuts, which he sold for 5 cents. He sent this to Mr. McCabe with the note, "If you want any more let me know."

One of the notable things about Kansas is this, and we think it deserves to be frequently printed in large type: Notwithstanding the rapidly increasing population of the State, the number of prisoners in the penitentiary is decreasing. A study of the report of Warden Smith affords some very gratifying conclusions to those who love Kansas. Now, the question is, has the law which abolished the saloon had anything to do in bringing about this result? [Minneapolis Messenger.]

A few papers in the State have begun publishing "black lists" of the subscribers who owe for their papers and then "refuse" them. It is pretty generally admitted that to cheat a publisher out of his pay for a paper that you have read for months, or perhaps years, is the meanest act a man can perform and every scoundrel who does it should be branded so that he will be known everywhere.

The Oklahoma bill provides for the organization of what is known as "No-Man's-Land" and the Cherokee strip into a territory. It includes 24,325,408 acres, most of this land being covered by Indian titles. The opponents of the bill say that it is a bill proposing to organize a territory and to acquire title afterward, taking the land from the Indians and paying \$1.25 per acre for it. Settlers are to pay this to the government when the land is thrown open.

Kansas is rapidly coming to the fore in National politics. No senators stand higher among their colleagues and the esteem of the people than John J. Ingalls and P. B. Plumb. Senator P. B. Plumb and Congressman Anderson are prominently talked of in political circles for places in the new cabinet. Kansas has great reason to be proud of the ability, individuality and prominence of its entire congressional delegation. The voices of the men who represent Kansas in the Nation's legislative halls are attentively listened to on all occasions and in the most important Republican councils. The Republican party in this State is more harmonious and better organized than ever before, and Kansas, leading all other States in Republicanism, stands higher than ever in the esteem of the country. [Ex.]

Ingalls objects to the general idea of God and His government because he says it means a universe presided over by an autocrat, to which an exchange makes this reference: "What would the Colonel have? Apparently he is dissatisfied because the Universe is not a Republic. Does he think it better to have an elective Deity? Does he want the Ruler of the Universe chosen by a majority vote? To the anti-Ingallsian mind there seems to be some difficulties in the way of getting the Universe ruled on a Democratic plan."

The Fifth and Sixth congressional districts are now in good shape to go to Topeka and make a strong fight for speaker of the House. The caucus composed of members elect to the Legislature, held at Beloit last week, selected Hon. Z. T. Walrond, of Osborne, for their candidate. Judging from the harmonious feeling that prevailed the Fifth and Sixth districts will pull together hereafter in a way that their influence will be felt. That's right, if we stick together, Northern Kansas will be heard from in future conventions, etc. [Clay Center Times.]

The New York Herald objects to the annoyance and expense of defending itself against every crank that happens to think he has a grievance, and therefore it has been agitating a general modification of the law of libel to protect legitimate journalism. It insists that actions for libel should be confined to the criminal side of the courts; that the action should be only against that person on the paper whose wickedness or carelessness wrought the injury, be he correspondent, news editor, reporter, or author.

Editorial writer or whoever may have been the "active utterer of the offense," and the punishment should not be a fine but imprisonment.

The Abilene Reflector says: "Will the Arkansas valley be generous enough to give the Northwest the modest share in the St. Louis honors that she asks, or will it continue to act as a hog?" It is not our funeral, but we hazard the remark that the bristles of the porcine statesmen of the Southwest will continue to be displayed. [Topeka Democrat.]

We are not particularly well versed in hog-culture but it occurs to us that this is about the time when the slaughtering of surplus porcines takes on its most wholesale aspect.

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## THE SECOND HORROR.

Another Steamboat Disaster on the Lower Mississippi—Burning of the John H. Hanna at Plaquemine, La., With a Loss of at Least Thirty Lives.

PLAQUEMINE, La., Dec. 24.—The steamer John H. Hanna, loaded with cotton from Ouachita, burned here early yesterday morning. The boat and cargo were a total loss. The number of people who perished is not positively known, but the loss of life will be at least thirty and may be much more.

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## BURNING OF THE ERICSON.

A Demijohn of Whisky Possibly the Cause of the Disaster.

SEATTLE, W. T., Dec. 24.—The steamer Ericson was burned to the water's edge at five o'clock Monday evening off Alakai point. Five lives were lost, perhaps seven. The Ericson was a propeller, 2,400 tons burthen, and was en route to Malden when the accident occurred. The fire broke out in the hold. One theory is that the demijohn in the pilot house was broken and that the whisky ran through and was ignited. There were fifty people on board. The fire spread instantly throughout the entire cabin. The boat was about two miles from the shore. Captain John H. Nibbe, the owner of the boat, was in command and left the wheel house for the purpose of launching a life raft, but found the passengers trying to put the fire out. In the struggle to rescue the raft from the passengers he fell overboard with it. In the meantime the passengers were putting on life preservers and seizing firewood or anything else that would float and jumping overboard. Captain Nibbe saw his niece, Miss Annie Tollmer, struggling in the water, about 150 feet from him, and he did his utmost to push the raft toward her, but she drowned less than 100 feet away from him. He was hampered with gum boots and almost helpless.

The steamer Skagit Chief, en route to give assistance, and she succeeded in rescuing several people. The steamer Mountaineer, four miles away, also saw the burning vessel and headed straight for her. When within half a mile of the Ericson the crew found people struggling in the water, lowered small boats and succeeded in rescuing nineteen. One man was taken from the water and died in a few minutes after. His name is not known. He said, just before he died, that his wife was lost from the steamer.

The list of those lost is as follows: Miss Annie Tollmer, Sidney J. H. Nibbe, one of the Norris Brickyard Company, Sidney J. Smith, a half-breed fisherman; T. Smith, of Smith, Taylor & Co., Colby. A man and his wife whose names could not be ascertained. The survivors also reported another woman who was lost. The steamer was burned to the water's edge and no doubt sank. Neither the Skagit Chief nor the Mountaineer went to the burning steamer as all hands had deserted her and she was enveloped in flames. Both men were rescued with a life from the water. The Ericson was valued at \$40,000 and was not insured.

### WOE TO THE WIRES.

Freezing Sleet Breaks Down Telegraph Poles and Wires in All Directions.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—About one o'clock this morning there was a crash along Grand avenue from Fifth to Eighth streets which awoke people for blocks. A half dozen telegraph poles had snapped in two beneath the weight of accumulating sleet. An instant later and the streets were transformed into a network of ice clad wires. It looked like some gigantic spider had been weaving threads of ice in every conceivable direction up and down and across the avenue for blocks.

The entire front of Tom Corrigan's saloon at Independence, Mo., was crushed in by the fall of a heavy pole. Several men were drinking at the bar, but the loud cracking of the tall pine shaft had forewarned them and they retreated to the rear of the saloon. The glasses they had had upon the bar, the lamps and the mirrors were crushed into fragments. The police were at once notified by telephone and they in turn called out the fire department. About the same time alarms were turned in from various parts of the town, where similar damage had been done by the sleet. The greatest damage, however, was sustained by the telephone and telegraph companies. Their losses will run up into the thousands.

### Wreck at Bar Harbor.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 24.—The passenger and freight steamer Silver Star, from Bar Harbor, was sunk yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock, about thirty miles east of White's Light. The steamer had been to Boston for a new engine and put into the harbor late Monday night. She left at one o'clock next morning and was proceeding along the regular course, when she struck a sunken wreck, staving a hole amidship, and filling the hold with water. The steamer went down in three minutes in about twelve fathoms of water. Captain W. H. Parker and crew of eight men took to their boats, saving only the clothes they had on. The steamer was owned by Bar Harbor and was captained by Captain Parker and others. It was valued at \$11,000. No insurance.

### A Disreputable Career.

SEDAHIA, Mo., Dec. 25.—Five months ago W. R. Aldridge, a well known young attorney, on one occasion a candidate for city attorney and a member of an old Rhode Island family, fell the country to avoid arrest for embezzling money collected by him for Eastern houses. Yesterday the news was received that he was in jail at Cherokee, Kan. After leaving here he located at Cherokee and began the practice of law, but soon collected \$800 for the McCormick Harvesting Company, of Chicago, and disappeared. The Kansas officials captured him at Lamar. He is an inveterate gambler and squandered all the money he could raise on cards.

### Jumped the Track.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 25.—Meager reports have been received here of an accident on the Midland road at Lime creek, twenty miles west of Leadville, in which brakeman T. Harland and fireman Robert Martin were instantly killed. The only particulars received is that a freight jumped the track while turning a sharp curve near Lime creek and wrecked the entire train.

### Three Skaters Drowned.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., Dec. 25.—George Benson, aged forty, and two other skaters, and Ammon Veasey, aged thirteen, were drowned yesterday while skating on Round Bay.

### An Old Man Killed.

TOWANANDA, N. Y., Dec. 25.—An old man named Snow was struck by a Lockport passenger train on the Central road, yesterday morning, and instantly killed.

### A Back a Benedict.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Gertie Richie, a variety actress, was married by contract last night to Ah Bach, a leading actor in female parts at the Chinese theater. The girl formerly lived in Philadelphia, and it is believed she married the Chinaman for account of the wealth he is said to possess.

### His Professional Cognomen.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 24.—Tim Quigley, a pugilist, better known as Paddy Quigley, is a prisoner in the city jail. He is alleged, on the night of November 5, he broke into a jewelry store in New York and secured booty amounting to \$4,000.

## BLAZING BUILDINGS.

Destructive Conflagration at Marblehead, Mass.—\$500,000 Damage.

Three Acres of Buildings Destroyed at Cincinnati—Loss, \$500,000—Three Firemen Injured.

Burning of the Olympic Theater at Ashland, Wis.—Loss, \$150,000—English Mill Burned.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A conflagration is raging in Marblehead, the largest part of the town being on fire. Help has been sent from Salem, Lynn and other places, but the firemen seem to be unable to check the flames. Salem reports all the telephone wires to Marblehead down, and nothing to be obtained from there. The Western Union office at Marblehead was burned out, but the operator succeeded in opening communication by establishing a temporary office in a field some distance outside the village.

The entire business portion of the town is in ruins and the following firms were burned out: Cropley & Bros., E. S. Woodbury, Johnson Horner, J. C. Peach, W. M. Stevens, Jr., and Son, Edward Hathaway and Joshua L. Favour; also the Boston and Maine depot and several other buildings. It is the largest fire that ever visited the place and the people are panic-stricken. The news was sent with great difficulty over a hastily improvised wire and communication is liable to be interrupted at any moment.

The fire started about ten p. m. in the basement of F. P. Powers' furniture store, on Pleasant street, and is said to have been caused by the explosion of a can of benzene. At midnight it was estimated that seven acres had been burned over and that the entire loss would be over \$500,000. The burned buildings are the Powers block, the Rechabite block, Goldthwait's three-story building, Monroe's large shoe factory, a three-story block occupied by dry goods stores, and the Boston and Maine depot. The fire started in the grocery on the first, the Masonic Hall on the second and a skating rink on the third, the four-story Allerton block, the American express building, Simon's store, the dwelling of Daniel Broten, George Church and Thomas J. Metcalfe's box factory and other buildings.

Nearly the same territory was burned over about twelve years ago, the fire starting in nearly the same place. Many of last night's victims were also sufferers by the former fire. The shoe business, which had been quiet for several months, was just starting up and many operatives will now be thrown out of work the entire winter.

### THE CINCINNATI BLAZE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—There was a great fire in Cincinnati yesterday. It began at 8:30 in the morning and burned to ashes factories and dwellings covering three acres of ground.

At the corner of Buide and Harriet streets, in the rope walk of the Charles C. Jacobs Cordage Company, the fire started and spread rapidly in the building in which were stored the property of Charles H. Jacobs, worth \$15,000, were destroyed, and a three-story brick on Budd street, belonging to Harry Mayberry, worth \$6,000, was burned to the ground. Two frame dwellings on Budd street were also burned. The loss on the rope walk—a long wooden building—was about \$8,000; that of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, including its eighteen cars, all of which were burned with their contents, is about \$20,000.

In addition to the houses destroyed there were a score or more of dwellings in the neighborhood more or less scorched. A large part of the fire department is kept busy extinguishing and re-extinguishing incipient fires on dwellings. In fact the department had its hands full to keep the city from becoming a sweeping conflagration, and in this the calmness of the day was a great help.

### A WISCONSIN THEATER BURNED.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 24.—The Olympic Theater and two saloons adjoining burned yesterday morning, causing a loss of \$150,000 with \$25,000 insurance. The actors in the theater fled to the water. The weather was very cold and it was difficult to obtain